

King's Children.

THE GIFT OF GOD.

[Read at K. C. meeting by Millie Sayger]

We believe that every good and perfect gift cometh from God, for God is perfect, therefore his gifts must be perfect.

Let us notice some of the gifts God has bestowed upon his people.

We will first notice our temporal life. Did it ever occur in your mind that our very lives, and every breath that we draw are given to us by God. For proof let us read Is. 42 and part of 5th verse. He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein. God has given us this life for a good purpose, and how are we spending it. Is the world being made happier by our living in it, or are we causing some hearts to be made sad; let us think of this.

God did not place us here without making provision for it. He has given us food and raiment. Matt. 6 and part of 31, 32. Therefore take no thought saying, what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewithal shall we be clothed, For our Heavenly Father knoweth that we have need of these things.

And we have the gift of rain and fruitful seasons. To prove this let us read Is. 30: 23. "Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous; in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures."

We have noticed some of the gifts of this temporal life, let us see what He has done for us spiritually. God has given us wisdom and understanding. He has clothed us in our right mind. Did you ever stop for a moment and think what a blessing this is; and do we ever thank God for these blessings. We want to prove all these things by the Word of God, and for a proof we will read James 1: 5. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Peace of mind or contentment of heart is another precious gift and we can obtain this blessing by being obedient to our Heavenly Father, for the Scripture says, They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Grace and faith also are gifts of God. Eph. 2: 8. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God."

God will also give us a new heart, that is He will give us a willing heart or mind to serve God. Ezek. 11: 19. "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a

new spirit within you, and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh." And with this willing heart and mind comes rest. Matt. 11: 28. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

But the greatest of all the gifts that was ever given to the human family, is the gift of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John 3: 16. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This surely proves God's love for us. Could we think of seeing one of our nearest and dearest and most innocent friends of earth suffer and die for some other persons sin. Christ did this for us, yes, He did it for me and for you. He left his home in heaven with his father, came down to this sinful world suffered, bled and died that we through him might have eternal life. Yes, we can truly say that Jesus is the most precious gift we have, yet we have one more gift, that is a home in heaven. But remember dear friend that we obtain all these gifts through Jesus Christ by being obedient to God's will. James 1: 17. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

FROM CORNELL, ILL.

Last Sunday evening we met at brother J. Barringer's and organized a King's Children Society. Eighteen joined, fourteen as active members and four as associate members. The society will hold its meetings on Sunday evenings. We ask an interest in all your prayers that the K. C. at Cornell may prosper.

• ISABELLA MAST.

WHAT CAN SUCH A CHILD AS I DO.

Scatter the Seed.

One day, a little boy, belonging to a Sunday-school in town, met one of his friends, to whom he mentioned his expectation of a visit to his relatives in the country.

"Well," said his friend, "and what are you going to the country for?"

"O, I shall run about and play in the fields, and enjoy myself very much."

"Well, so much you are going to do for yourself; what else do you expect to do?"

"Why, I can help the farmers, perhaps."

"Well, so much for yourself and farmers; but what, my little friend, do you expect to do for your heavenly Father?"

"What, me!" replied the child in as-

tonishment; "what can such a child as I do for God?"

"You can do much. Now, I'll give you a bundle of tracts; take these, and when you go into the country distribute them."

"O, to be sure, sir; I can do that." And he received the tracts.

Now, here was seed sown; let us see the result. The boy, thus armed, went into the country, as he had anticipated. After being there a day or more, a boy living in the neighborhood asked him if he would help him gather the cows together, and bring them home.

"Oh!" thought the juvenile missionary, "here will be a good chance to give one of my tracts." So off they started for the cows.

The child (for he was no more) took out one of the silent preachers, saying, "Here's something for you."

"What is it?" looking it over; "what is it?"

"It is something good to read," said the lad.

"But I cannot read. Never mind, I'll take it home; they can read it there."

Some days after, the country boy met his city friend. "Well," said he, "that little book you gave me made a great stir at our house, I tell you."

"Did it, though? How do you mean?"

"Why," he replied, "they read the tract, and then they read the Bible, and when Sunday came they made me get out the old carriage and clean it up, and then we all got in that could, and the rest got on before and behind and rode off to church. That tract's done great things, I tell you."

Subsequently, it was ascertained that this one tract was the means of converting twenty-four souls. "Do you scatter tracts?"—*Presbyterian Monthly*.

How near must a person live to me to be my neighbor? Every person is near to you whom you can bless. He is nearest whom you can bless most.—*William Ellery Channing*.

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